

Both American and National Leagues Open Season To-day

RED SOX IN CAPITAL, WORK AT GEORGETOWN

Boston Team Puts On Finishing Touches in Preparation for Season's Opening To-day.

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On the stately heights of Georgetown, far above the dancing waters of the Potomac, the Boston Red Sox went through their last preliminary practice of the season here yesterday afternoon, and while the Georgetown college boys looked on curiously, the men who hope to make a winning fight in this season's pennant chase wound up the sensational spring trip of 1911.

The Washington grounds, cleared of the long-standing debris, have been groomed and put into first-class shape, and to-day when the bell rings everything will be in readiness.

Just before noon yesterday the Red Sox regulars, en route to the Capital after a ride of twenty-five hours from Chicago, the men were pretty well fagged out, for they have had a surfeit of railroad travel during the last three weeks, and those who were eager for a work-out yesterday were few and far between. But Capt. Wagner, with the duties of manager, as well as captain, upon his broad shoulders, was determined that the Sox should take advantage of the fine weather, and at 2 o'clock the men were taken out to the Georgetown "waddy" grounds and put through a lively practice of two hours.

In the absence of Enzie, who stopped at his home in Dayton, Ohio, on the way East, the regulars found themselves minus the services of even a utility infielder, as Purcell, Jannin, and Nelson were all over at Boston. Harry Hooper, therefore, had to cover the third sack, in order to give the remaining members of the infield some half-decent practice. Harry is a grand outfielder, but he could never play third base on Dr. Green's club.

Every one of the pitchers was made to do his share of hard work, and Larry Page and Ed Karger were kept busy for more than an hour tossing to the men in batting practice. Tommie Madden and Jack Kleinow alternated behind the bat, and both men showed up to advantage.

Wagner in Poor Shape.
Capt. Wagner seems to be in poor shape, or, rather, his arm is nothing like the usual Wagner whip. He caught more than a week ago, and although he has never complained, it is giving him a lot of trouble. Yesterday he took no chances, but simply lobbed the ball across the field.

Madden pitched nicely to second, but Jack Kleinow surprised every one by his work behind the bat, and at batting practice, too, he showed a few tricks never before suspected. He looked so good to Wagner that Heinie feels that he is the logical selection for catcher in the opening game, and even if Madden, Fenwick does object, Wagner will most likely move his way.

Nathan Woodner, who was used in pitching practice, and this makes it practically certain that he will start the season at first base. It was at first expected that Eddie Cloutier would be the man selected to open the ball, and he has been resting up for the past three days in anticipation of the clash, but Wood has been coming so strongly that the Boston speed pitcher now appears to be the man who will be depended upon to down the Nationals in the first clash of 1911.

Walter Johnson was originally scheduled to face the Boston batters in the opening battle, but on account of his recent disagreement with the Washington club and his tardy departure from Kansas it is believed that this honor will be handed over to our old rival—Dolly Gray. If Gray starts in against Boston the chances for a Red Sox victory look good, for Dolly always was easy for Wagner's men and baseball history may repeat itself to-day.

The Nationals are a far stronger aggregation than they were last season. Ed McGuire has departed, but a promising youngster in the person of Henry is playing a far better game than ever Robert did. Cunningham is playing fairly consistently at second, while McBride is at short and Elberfeld at third were never better. And Washington has a pretty good outfield in Milan, Lelivelt, and Gessler. There is no need of dilating on Washington's strength behind the bat, as McKeeler has a wonderful pair in Street and Amstutz. If the Red Sox expect to break even with this bunch they will have to work.

Yankee Swartz Beats Mitchell.
Philadelphia, April 11.—Yankee Swartz, of South Africa, won a six-round verdict over Young Mitchell, of Atlantic City, in the star bout at the Duquesne Athletic club to-night. Mitchell was the taller and heavier, but Swartz had the speed and skill. The South African used a telling left jab to the face and a straight right to the heart to win the decision.

Phillies Win Farcical Game.
Philadelphia, April 11.—The Phillies celebrated the close of the training season to-day by defeating the University of Pennsylvania team in a farcical game, 14 to 2. Manager Down used every player he had, except Paskert and Brannfield, twenty-two in all, but the collegians were determined to lose. Score:

R. H. E.
University of Pa. 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-2 4 4
Philadelphia 14 2 2 2 0 1 0-2 13 0
Batteries—Imley, Clarke, and O'Brien; Thomas, Alexander, Shultz, Howe, and Deon, McDonough, Jackson, and Moran.

Roy Hartnell Married.
Philadelphia, April 11.—Roy A. Hartnell, of Golden, Colo., shortstop on the New York American League baseball team, which opens here with the Athletics to-morrow, and Miss Ella M. Stebbins, of the same city, took out a marriage license here this afternoon and were married later in the day.

GAMES TO-DAY.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Boston at Washington.
New York at Philadelphia.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Chicago at Detroit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Philadelphia at New York.
St. Louis at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Boston.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

MINOR LEAGUES.
COTTON STATES LEAGUE.
At Vicksburg-Vicksburg, 5; Hattisburg, 2.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.
At Savannah-Savannah, 5; Columbia, 3.
At Jacksonville-Jacksonville, 3; Columbia, 3.
At Jacksonville-Jacksonville, 3; Columbia, 3.

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to the Pacific Coast for their spring training and the unsettled weather, coupled with incessant travel by train, has hardly had a beneficial effect.

At that there is no denying the fact that Boston has a fast ball club. This team has always hit the ball hard on the Washington grounds, and while it is admitted that with Jake Stahl and Harry Lord out of it, the Red Sox are weaker than last season, they still look to be troublesome customers, their work so convincing the writer who journeyed out to Georgetown field yesterday afternoon to see them in action.

Pitchers' Battle Likely.
Manager Patsey Donovan will order his speed artist, Joe Wood, to do the pitching. Some of the Boston sporting writers think Wood possesses as much speed as Johnson, and are predicting a brilliant future for the young man.

Wood last year was a tough nut for McKeeler's boys to crack, if he can show the stuff his team mates claim, the contest is sure to develop into a pitchers' battle.

Baseball is so uncertain and there are so many chances where luck plays a big part, that until the Nationals play half a dozen games no positive line can be gotten on their ability. The men under McKeeler are a determined set, well trained, and know the game from A to Z. They will make the visiting clubs hustle to win, and after all the fans will be satisfied if real baseball is provided. And this is the brand McKeeler has on tap.

The weather to-day is not promising. Rain is predicted, but as the official prognosticator some times goes wrong, there is high hope that the initial trial of the 1911 campaign can be carried to a successful end.

Every arrangement has been completed for the comfort of the big opening day crowd. The stands, with their temporary chairs, will easily accommodate the usual big grand stand throng, while the left field and first-base bleachers can take care of about twenty times as many as was the case under the old arrangement. There is space under the center and right field fence where the overflow can be accommodated.

The gates will be thrown open at 1 o'clock, the game starting promptly at 2:30 o'clock, with Empire Tom Connolly and a new recruit, named Mullin, on the job.

The Nationals' natty new white suits, with navy blue trimmings, together with their sweaters, arrived yesterday. Trainer Quirk had them all placed in the various lockers, when the writer dropped into the clubhouse late yesterday afternoon.

Said Trainer Joe: "I've got Walter Johnson's uniform all ready for him, and you can bet he will be right on the job."

Final Work-out for Nationals.
Yesterday morning Manager McKeeler had his charges on the Georgetown field for the finishing touches. Three hours of hard work was carried out with the usual amount of hitting and fielding.

President Taft will be in the grand stand. The Washington baseball club has presented the President with his customary season pass, which distinguishes him at all Washington games as "Pan No. 1." Vice President Sherman will also ride into the game with pass No. 2. The adjournment of Congress yesterday argues that a large Congressional delegation will be present when the umpire calls, "Play ball," and several members of the House yesterday enlisted to attend under the leadership of Seneca Payne, who will spread his legislative experience over the grand stand. When Prof. Willis Moore, who bosses the government's weather predicting plant, appeared at the White House yesterday afternoon, he was accused of having been sent for by the President to write a blue sky out of his instrument for the game.

BIG LEAGUES OPEN SEASON TO-DAY

Exhibitions Gives Way to Championship Games.

ATHLETICS LIKELY TO REPEAT

American League Race Is Not as Open as the National-New York Yankees Are a Hustling Lot of Players and May Surprise Fans. Tigers Are Coming Strong.

Exhibition baseball gives way to championship baseball to-day. The opening day of the annual races of the National and American Leagues has a place all its own in the land. It has its share of the national interest along with the Fourth of July and other holidays. There never was more interest at the beginning of a season than now. How that interest will be sustained depends on the nature of the races, whether or not they are close and exciting and how long the pennant issue remains in doubt.

The situation in both leagues is such that interest as compared to the opening year ago is stimulated by the outlook for a change in pennant ownership. At least this is true of the National League. For some seasons, Chicago and Pittsburgh have been reckoned the only two pennant contenders, but this year the general impression is that the New York Giants have the best prospects for the championship. The main reason for that belief is that the Cubs and Pirates are no stronger than last year, whereas there is a reasonable likelihood that certain young Giant pitchers and players in one or two positions will have improved enough to add the necessary strength needed to win enough games to finish first.

American League Prospects.
As to the American League, the tussle for first place is not considered as open as in the National. The Athletics are more likely to repeat than are the Cubs. But what the Athletics did last year, that surprised the community by their strength and winning the pennant, is by no means out of the question for some other team this year. The New York Americans, for instance, are a hustling, aggressive, fast lot of players, and with an able pitching staff are in a way to play better ball than they did last year.

Again, the hard-hitting Detroiters, with their good pitchers, complicate the situation by the chance of a come-back. Washington, Cleveland, Boston, and Chicago are uncertain, but troublesome quantities are likely to play a part in making the race closer than a year ago. St. Louis seems to be the only hopeless case in the major league lot.

The National League umpires have been assigned as follows: Boston, Klem and Doyle; New York, Johnston and Eason; Cincinnati, O'Day and Brennan; Chicago, Richter and Finneran.

The American League umpires will be as follows: Philadelphia, Evans and Dean; Washington, Connolly and Mullin; Detroit, Sheridan and Perrine; St. Louis, Leneen and O'Loughlin.

Highlander Youngsters Win.
New York, April 11.—The Highlanders' colts closed their season to-day, beating the Manhattan College, 16 to 1. That gave the colts a clean record of victories. They did not meet with a defeat in their short spring existence. Score:

R. H. E.
Manhattan..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 4 5
New York..... 16 2 1 0 2 1 2-6 15 2
Batteries—Handley, Thompson, and Connolly; Sikes, Swensen, and Russell.

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GEORGETOWN GOES AWAY.

Will Battle with Jack Dunn's Orioles To-day.

The Georgetown team leaves to-day for Baltimore to battle with Jack Dunn's Orioles. Georgetown will be deprived of the services of Hunt, who is unable to make the trip. Costello will be seen in the right garden in his place.

Dave White, who has been laid up with a sore shoulder for the past week, will start the game on the mound for the collegians. In the event that White weakens, Lynch or Balzer will replace him. It is doubtful whether the coach

WESTERN SWAMPS ROCKVILLE.

Georgetown Schoolboys Pile Up 22 to 5 Score.

Rockville, Md., April 11.—Western High School overwhelmingly defeated the Rockville High School team here to-day by a score of 22 to 5.

Western had their batting clothes on, slugging the offerings of the Rockville pitchers to all corners of the lot. Howard and D. Fuller hit especially well for the winners, while White starred for the local team. Score:

R. H. E.
Howard..... 5 2 1 4 0 1-12 1-2
Fuller..... 3 4 2 3 0 0-1 1-1
Runs—A. Fuller (4), Howard (3), Gray (4), Myers (4), Bethel (4), D. Fuller, Loomis, Holden (2), Garrett, 1st base—White, Stone, Darby, Hayes, First base of ball—off Holden, 2; off Hicks, 2; off Story, 1; off Anderson, 3. Innings pitched—by Holden, 5; by Scott, 2; by Hicks, 2; by Story, 2; by Anderson, 3. Struck out—by Holden, 3; by Scott, 1; by Hicks, 1; by Anderson, 1. Three-base hit—Ward. Two-base hits—Myers, Howard, Sacrifice hits—Bethel, Howard, Myers, Stone bases—D. Fuller, Holden, Loomis, Anderson, Schumann, Bethel. Hit by pitcher—by Holden, 1; by Story, 1. Wild pitches—Story, 2. Passed balls—Hayes, 2; Schumann, 1. Umpire—Mr. Brown.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

DISTRICT DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Capital City, Md., April 11.—Results:

Elker..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Hayden..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
McComick..... 117 99 112 107 107 107
Sillett..... 96 96 96 96 96 96
Kreiger..... 96 96 96 96 96 96
Totals..... 620 620 620 620 620 620

SAVINGBUND LEAGUE.

Glucks, Md., April 11.—Results:

Boomer..... 107 100 100 100 100 100
Slicker..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Mendall..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Davis..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Hammer..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Totals..... 620 620 620 620 620 620

COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Shamrock, Md., April 11.—Results:

Hugert..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Brown..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Christensen..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Duff..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Poland..... 100 100 100 100 100 100
Totals..... 620 620 620 620 620 620

REDS TRIM ROCHESTER.

Cincinnati, April 11.—The Cincinnati Reds defeated the Rochester champions here to-day. The game was called in the seventh on account of rain. Score:

R. H. E.
Cincinnati..... 2 0 0 0 0 2-8 9 2
Rochester..... 0 1 0 0 1-2 9 9
Batteries—Brown, McLean, and Seaver; Holmes, Making, and Mitchell and Graham. Umpire—Mr. Carpenter.

Chicago Opening Plans.

Chicago, April 11.—Officials of the Cub team to-day prepared in care for one of the greatest crowds that ever attended an opening game with the Cardinals when the season begins here to-morrow. The advance sale of tickets indicates an attendance of 20,000 fans.

Wilkesbarre Loses to Giant Colts.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 11.—John McGraw's National colts got revenge upon Wilkesbarre, of the New York State League to-day for the defeat of yesterday, winning by 7 to 4. Score:

R. H. E.
New York..... 1 3 0 0 0 0 5-7 8 2
Wilkesbarre..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 6-10 9 2
Batteries—Shantz, Jenkins, and Harding; Wilson, Kuta, McCleary, and Bruger. Umpire—Mr. Wilcox.



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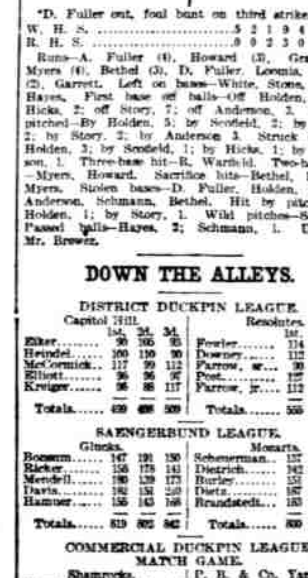
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DOLLY GRAY - PITCHER



LELIVELT - 1ST BASE



STREET - CATCHER



MILAN - C. F.



GESSLER - R. F.



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HENRY - 1ST BASE